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## HAMILTON TEAMS WIN FOUR INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATES

### Defeat Lafayette, Union, Wesleyan, and Rutgers in Two Triangular Contests — Hamilton Men Show Ability to Prepare Convincing Speeches and to Speak Effectively.

Hamilton College and its Department of Public Speaking have reason to be proud of the four debate teams which represented the college this year. All were uniformly successful in defeating their opponents. In each contest the Hamilton teams were conspicuous for their ability to meet changing conditions, and to adapt themselves to a new ground of argument. In no case were they at a loss, if the opposing team made it necessary to change any of the prepared advance speeches. In the rebuttals, where ability to quickly analyze an argument and to discover its weak points counted for everything, the Hamilton teams scored heavily.

**First Debate March 26**

The first of the two triangular debates was between Hamilton, Lafayette, and Union, on the evening of March 26, 1920. At Clinton Hamilton upheld the affirmative against Lafayette, and at Schenectady on the same evening another team took the negative against Union. Union and Lafayette met at Easton, Pa. The question under debate was: Resolved, That labor through representatives of its own choosing should share in the management of corporate industry. This same question was also used in the debates of March 29.

**The Union Debate**

The debate at Schenectady was opened by Mr. Tremper, who proved to be Union's best speaker. The advance speakers for Union showed that they lacked a little in experience. They also did not take as strong a position on the question as they might have. Hamilton adopted a tertium quid, by proposing that the public be made the sole arbiter of disputes between labor and capital. The whole Hamilton argument was consistent and well thought out. The Union men were unable to pick flaws in the reasoning of the negative, but, on the whole, put up a strong argument for the affirmative. As in the other contests, Hamilton won on the rebuttal. For the speakers, Tremper was the best man on the affirmative, and made very good speeches both in advance and on the rebuttal. Of the speakers for Hamilton, Rosenthal was logical, cool, and collected. Hartness, the second speaker for the negative, had a speech which showed the result of thorough preparation. Ritterbush was a forceful speaker, and was especially brilliant in rebuttal. He summed up the whole negative position and attacked the main arguments of the affirmative.

**Hamilton Defeats Lafayette**

On the same evening a Hamilton team took the affirmative side of the question against Lafayette. This contest was also won by the speaking ability of the Hamilton team. This team based its argument on a theoretical solution of the problem more than in the other contests. Lafayette's position assumed that all law was correct, and that under the present laws in some states, labor could not have a share in the management without owning stock, which would mean becoming capitalists. The affirmative made it an ethical question by showing that if the law it wrong, it ought to be changed.

Wheeler opened the debate, and showed the present industrial scheme to be wasteful, that production was decreasing, and that strikes were growing in number and volume, and were reaching into all fields. He proved that unless this is checked, we are headed for an industrial revolution. Kennedy showed that labor had an inherent right to be represented. Fry proposed a combination of two plans as a possible solution of the problem, but did not lay a great deal of stress on it. Lafayette, assuming that Hamilton's whole argument was based on this plan, spent all the time in refuting it. Fry, who spoke last in rebuttal, showed that the plan had only been given as a suggestion, and that by showing the defects in the plan, the main argument had not been destroyed. The negative tried to show that any plans that had been suggested for giving labor a share in management of industry were paternalistic and un-American, but this was disproved by the affirmative. Fry was Hamilton's best speaker and was especially fine in the rebuttal. With the exception of Wheeler, the Hamilton speakers made their arguments theoretical. Wheeler gave enough facts and figures to support the arguments of his two colleagues.

**Rutgers Loses in Rebuttal**

On the evening of March 29, the second triangular debate was held between Hamilton, Wesleyan, and Rutgers. A Hamilton affirmative team went to New Brunswick, N. J., a negative team met Wesleyan at Clinton, and Rutgers met Wesleyan at Middletown. The Hamilton-Rutgers debate was rather even. As in some of the other contests, Hamilton won chiefly on rebuttal. The advance speaking for both the negative and the affirmative was very good. Rodgers opened

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## MUSICAL CLUBS' SPRING TRIPS PROVE FINE SUCCESSES

### Concerts Given at Rome and Utica—Easter Trip Includes Kingston, Brooklyn, Hempstead, Jamaica, and Ridgewood—Final Concert Given in New York City—Audiences Applaud Enthusiastically.

The recent trips of the Hamilton College Musical Clubs were the most successful that this organization has taken in several years. The clubs played to large, enthusiastic audiences, spreading the fame of the College throughout this state and northern New Jersey. Two concerts were held before the Easter recess and the annual Easter trip.

On March 25, the Clubs appeared at Hazelton Hall in Rome, under the auspices of the American Legion of that city. The concert was very well rendered. Though the auditorium permiteed of only a fair-sized audience, the lack of numbers was compensated by the enthusiastic reception given the Clubs.

The evening before vacation, March 31, marked what was perhaps the most successful concert ever given in Utica by a Hamilton College organization. This was due largely to the extensive campaign of advertising carried out prior to the concert. The New Century Auditorium was packed before the opening of the program, and the concert was finely given. Hearty applause greeted every number on the program. About $250 clear profit was made, permitting the Clubs to pay all of the season's expenses, though these have been heavier than ever before.

The trip began with the Kingston concert Saturday night, April 3. This took place in the large auditorium of the Kingston High School before a very enthusiastic crowd. Peters and Paton were unable to sing in this concert because of attacks of bronchitis. Pope, '22, took Peters's place in the quartet, and Pritchett gave the "Petite Vaudeville" number alone. Peters and Paton were not able to do their regular work again until the Jamaica concert on Tuesday evening.

The Clubs spent Sunday in New York, and travelled to Brooklyn on Monday, where three concerts were given at Erasmus Hall. They played before three chapels, each lasting one hour and attended by about a thousand students. Two of these were in the morning and one in the afternoon, the last one followed by a dance given in honor of the Hamilton men. It was here that the Clubs met with some of the best hospitality shown them on the trip. After the concerts, Erasmus men who contemplate attending college were given an opportunity to meet the Hamilton men, who talked to them about the College and showed them views of the Hill.

Monday night saw the Clubs at the Armory in Hempstead, L. I., under the auspices of Co. M, of the 14th New York Infantry Much of the success of this concert was the result of the hard work of Adrian H. Courtenay, '03.

The Jamaica concert of the following evening was again run by Mr. and Mrs. William M. Griffith, parents of Griffith, '21 It was even more successful than last year, as there was not even standing room to be had when the first number began. Next to the New York and Brooklyn appearances, this one was the most successful of the trip.

A large number of the people of Ridgewood, N. J., heard the Clubs on Wednesday evening at Wilsey Hall. Harry E. Taylor, '00, managed this concert and was largely responsible for the excellent reception the Clubs received there. After the concert, received there. After the concert, refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed.

Then came the performance at the Hotel Commodore in New York. The east ballroom of the hotel was filled with people eager to see what the Hamilton men had to offer. They seemed very well satisfied with the result. A ten piece orchestra furnished dance music until two a. m.

Manager Kneeland, '20, is now contemplating a week end trip to Wells College as the closing concert of the season

## K. P. DATE CHANGED

The Clark Prize Contest will be held in the Chapel at 1:30 p. m. on the Saturday of Commencement Week. In former years, the contest has always been given in the old Stone Church in Clinton. It is hoped that more of the alumni will be able to attend under this new system. The fraternities are asked to hold their alumni meetings after the contest, which will be over at 9:30 p. m.

## SPEAKERS COMING

Representatives of the Interchurch World Movement will be on the Hill this week, and addresses will be made to the undergraduates Thursday and Friday. Conferences will also be held. Rev. William P. Merrill, pastor of the Brick Church of New York City, will speak at the chapel service Friday morning. The object of this work is to interest college men in the larger aspects of world citizenship.

# Alumni News

—Luther P. Burroughs, ex-'22, is now employed in the office of the Eastman Kodak Co. at Rochester, N. Y.

—Harrison C. Thomas, '09, who obtained the degree of Ph.D. at Columbia, is now instructor of history at DeWitt Clinton High School of New York. He has written "The Return of the Democratic Party to Power in 1884."

—Carl L. Carmer, '14, instructor of public speaking in Rochester University, is directing the dramatic club of that University. Among the one-act plays which the club recently produced was "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler."

—Dr. Charles S. Starr died recently at his home, 64 Rowly St., Rochester. He was graduated from the University of Rochester in 1865, having studied two years at Hamilton, where he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1895.

—The Honorable Frank S. Larrabee, '85, is now located in Kansas City, Mo., where he has developed large flour, iron, gasoline, and chemical industries. The Kansas City Star in an article recently described Mr. Larrabee's achievements, calling him a captain of industry.

—The Honorable Elihu Root, '64, has accepted the invitation to become a member of the committee agreed upon at the London meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, which is to work out the details for the constitution of a permanent court of international justice. The Utica Press of March 27 highly praised Mr. Root for his acceptance of the position as the American representative to the council.

—Ralph B. Colson, '11, who was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Wuchang, China, recently moved to Hankow, where he will act as social executive for the association. In one of his letters he writes: "One of the features of the work is the maintenance of hostels (dormitories) for the students. The moral conditions of the students about the city are unspeakable. If we had no hostel, these men would be living under conditions which make it impossible to retain their self-respect." Mr. Colson's work throughout the year, aside from language study, is largely composed of teaching Bible, English, and athletics.

—Ernest J. Weekes, '08, who, after graduation, went to China and taught there for three years in the Canton Christian College, is at present teaching in the Union Middle School at Canton, China. After his first three years of service in China, Mr. Weekes returned to America and graduated from the Union Seminary. He writes: "Just at present we are in dire need of American teachers. We want two teachers for English at once; and a science teacher, who has his eyes turned toward practical work; and an industrial teacher, who will be able to teach the Chinese students to be economically independent. And we want a farmer. One who knows how to market his crops. Then, a business teacher who not only has ideas, but ideals. And how we want a Bible teacher who can translate the Bible teachings into practical living principles."


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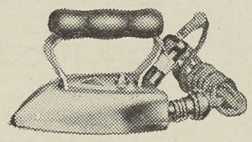

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### The Passing of a Year

A year full of happenings, another chapter in the History of Hamilton College, has passed, and with this issue a new board is ushered in, which must necessarily assume the many burdens of continuing the work of molding opinion. As in the case of former years, these men face a college world full of prejudices, customs, and habits which they must mirror truthfully to the alumni of the college. Each succeeding link in the list of editors of this paper has felt the need of change, each one has built castles which it was forced to alter as it met its problems, and finally was forced to settle in the same conservatism which seems to be the destiny of every college newspaper.

With the readiness of inexperience, the old board believed in a more radicale **Life** which wasn't afraid to say things as they were. This attitude naturally conflicted with the conservatism of our college life. A column of humor, designed to be critical in a humorous but constructive way, was instituted, known as "Carpe Diem." Representatives from practically every crowd on the Hill contributed to its weekly appearance. Its very radical suggestions, its willingness to tell the truth in a blunt way without beating around the bush, has evoked much criticism, both of itself and other parts of **Life**. Perhaps it was too radical, perhaps it was a failure, but its purpose was sincerely meant to be constructive. On such a basis, the approval or condemnation by the college must be based.

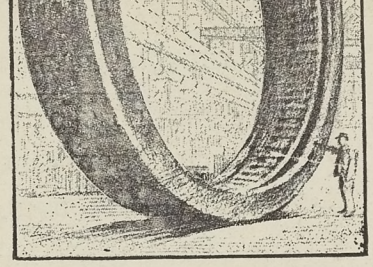
For its mistakes during the past year, the board makes no excuses. For its good points, it asks only that our critics weigh them and balance them against our defects. It has always tried to pick the best that the college had. It was helped by the assets always found in college and handicapped by the other detrimental factors that one always finds in such an endeavor. But the outgoing board wishes to make no excuses. It stands squarely on its feet to say with all the emphasis that it can muster, that it was sincerely eager for a better Hamilton, and in that purpose it saw its course at all times. No excuses are necessary for such an ideal; for the mechanical errors of management, it willingly accepts the criticism due it.

The monotonous work of driving out copy each week in addition to one's college work is the laborious duty of every one of **Life's** reporters. The outgoing board wishes here to express its thanks for the hearty cooperation of the Juniors and Sophomores of its staff and for the work of those men of the Sophomore and the Freshman Classes who entered wholeheartedly into the competition for its board. To the tolerance of the college and alumni, it is deeply appreciative.

With the sagacity of experience it passes on this philosophy to its successors: "Let the radical be conservative, and the conservative be radical. Let the Happy Mean be the goal of your striving." W. J. K.

### LIFE ELECTIONS

The **Life** elections were held at the Delta Kappa Epsilon House before the Easter vacation, and Raymond Gapp, '21, was elected Editor-in-chief to succeed Walter J. Keane, '20. Roy W. Cowan, '21, was appointed Competition Editor. George C. Morehouse, Jr., '23, was elected from the freshman competition, and Roy I. Forshay, '22, was elected Photographer.



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Friday, April 15, a contest was held at Rome, at which Francis M. Durkee of the Clinton High School was declared the winner. He delivered "A Tribute to Theodore Roosevelt." The schools represented in this contest were as follows: Sherrill High School, St. Johns Military Academy, Manlius; Mexico High School; Camden High School; Clinton High School.

April 23, a contest will be held at Utica at which representatives from the Utica Free Academy, Mt. Vernon High School, New Rochelle High School, and Binghamton High School will participate. Other contests will be held at Hudson and Canandaigua April 28 and 30 respectively.

## DEAN TO GIVE MUSICALE

Dr. A. P. Saunders will give a concert at his home Wednesday afternoon at four-thirty, to which the college is cordially invited. There will be a piano recital by Madame Melville-Liszniewska, who was for some years the first assistant for Leschetizki, the famous teacher in Vienna. Madame Liszniewska will play a Beethoven Sonata and several pieces by Chopin, Schumann, and Debussy. She is now on the staff of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, but keeps up her concert work at the same time. She will play at Columbia on Thursday night.

## LIT. BOARD ELECTS

If tentative plans that were discussed at the last meeting of the Lit. board are put into effect, we may expect to see a much different magazine in the near future. The meeting was held just before vacation for the primary purpose of electing an editor-in-chief for next year, and an assistant business manager. Joseph B. Rodgers, '21, was elected to succeed Benjamin D. Merit, '20, as Editor-in-chief. Henry F. Coupe, '21, was elected Business Manager, and Adelbert K. Edie, '22, was elected Assistant Business Manager.


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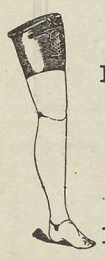

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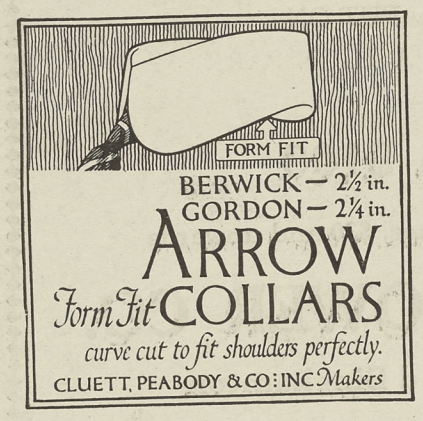


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# COLLEGE HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF TERM

**Undergraduates Meet to Arouse Spirit for Debate with Wesleyan—Association Business Transacted**

## NO-DEAL AGREEMENT SIGNED

The first college dinner of the second term was held in Commons Hall Monday evening, March 29. After the dinner, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Frank H. Wood, President of the Undergraduate Association. Cowan moved that the office of Assistant Manager be created for Basketball, Hockey, and Intramural Sports. This motion was carried, and Cowan followed with another motion that the Managerships of Basketball and Hockey be made senior offices. This was also carried.

The first motion necessitated the election of an Assistant Manager of Intramural Sports and the immediate calling out of candidates for this position from the class of 1923. Wynkoop, '21, Manager of Intramural Sports, nominated Mulford, '22, for the position of Assistant Manager, and he was elected by an unanimous vote.

The No-Deal Agreement, which was recently approved by the various crowds, was presented by Couper, '20. A representative from each of the fraternities of Hamilton College in order of their founding, was called upon to sign the agreement in the name of his fraternity. This will be done every year in the future at the opening of the College year.

Dr. Ferry then spoke about the proposed plan of holding the Spring House Party at Commencement time, giving the arguments for and against it, and explaining the method of conducting the affair at Williams.

Mr. Russell, former President of the Library Bureau and one of the judges of the intercollegiate debate which followed the dinner, then made a few remarks. He told of the number of Hamilton men in the Library Bureau and praised very highly the splendid work which they are doing. Jessup, '19, Rhodes Scholar, prophesied a victory for the debate team, and Franklin C. Fry, '21, praised the support which the college gave the team in the previous debate with Lafayette.

A motion was then made that a petition be presented to the Trustees of the College, asking that the undergraduate tax be increased from $15 to $20. After much discussion the motion was laid on the table for further consideration.

During the dinner the quartet rendered several selections and the meeting closed with "Carissima."

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**Prof. Raffaelo Piccioli, D. Litt. of the University of Padua, will give the fourth Myers lecture of the year in the Chapel Friday evening, April 23. His subject will be "Dante and St. Francis."**

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# SMITH COLLEGE ALUMNAE OPEN NEW TEA ROOM OFF THE CAMPUS

"The College Smithy" is the name of the newest thing on the Hill. It is a tea room opened by Smith College alumnae of Utica and vicinity, to get money for the four million dollar endowment fund now being raised by the graduates of Smith all over the country. The tea room is located in the small house back of Sigma Phi Hall. The house is owned by Ex-Pres. Stryker, who has loaned it for this purpose.

The idea of the tea room for the Hill was conceived by Mrs. George H. Sicard of Utica, and through her hard work and the loyal cooperation of other Smith graduates, the house was put in shape and furnished. The opening took place last Saturday, and tea, ice cream, and cake were sold. The regular schedule began yesterday, when light luncheons, ice cream, and home-made cake were put on sale. From now on, the "Smithy" will be open daily from one to ten p. m. Private parties or clubs will be accomodated upon one day's previous notice. A different Smith alumna will be in charge each day in the week. It is an interesting fact that almost all of the Smith graduates operating this tea room are wives of Hamilton alumni.

"The College Smithy" rivals the best in that nest of tea rooms, Greenwich Village. The food is excellent and the prices are reasonable. The location could not be better. Come and see for yourself! Just follow the D. U. road a short way off the campus any day between one and ten p. m.

## HAMILTON TEAMS WIN FOUR INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATES

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the debate with a forceful speech. The next Hamilton speaker was Finegan, whose serious and intense speaking made a strong impression on both the audience and the judges. Keeler was the last Hamilton speaker, and knew his subject well. The argument for both sides was well thought out and well presented. The negative, however, did not seem to have the ability to adapt itself to a change in the argument, which made its speeches seem somewhat set. Hamilton's rebuttal reached its climax in the speech of Keeler, who closed with a strong emotional appeal. As in the Lafayette contest, the affirmative advocated a plan which combined the Leitsch plan for the invividual factory with the national organization of the Whittley plan in England. The negative sought to attack this by showing that the scheme was socialistic, opposed to the demands of labor, and embodied nothing but a works council and an arbitration scheme. The victory was partly due to Hamilton's success in refuting these objections.

### Wesleyan Speeches Faulty

The Hamilton-Wesleyan debate was not a close contest, as the unanimous vote of the three judges shows. Two of the Wesleyan team were freshmen and somewhat inexperienced in the art of convincing speaking. It was on Wesleyan's faults that Hamilton won. Some of the speakers contradicted their colleagues, and their whole stand was not as definite as it might have been. A. R. Thompson was the first speaker for Hamilton, and the argument was carried on by Alfange, who made an emotional appeal. Calkins was rather technical, and his whole speech was characterized by calculated reasoning. The rebuttal was much the same as that of the other debates. The Wesleyan men spoke well, but picked unimportant points to refute, as well as repeating their own direct arguments. There were several weak points in Hamilton's argument that could have been attacked with good results, but the affirmative either did not see them or chose to ignore them.

### Hamilton's Debate Squad

The negative team which went to Union had these members: Sydney G. Rosenthal, Harold M. Hartness, and Richmond H. Ritterbush, with Theodore S. Turner as alternate. The affirmative team which met Lafayette was made up of these men: Stuart S. Wheeler, Booth H. Kennedy, Franklin C. Fry, and Charles S. Langtry as alternate. The affirmative men who went to Rutgers were: Joseph B. Rodgers, Edmund R. Finegan, and C. Addison Keeler, with Harold W. Covey as alternate. The negatives who met Wesleyan at Clinton were: A. R. Thompson, W. S. Calkins, and Dean Alfange, with C. E. Yates as alternate.

## ATHLETIC CARNIVAL HELD

**Class Representatives in Wrestling Fencing Bouts—1923 Wins Most Points.**

Thursday evening, March 25, the college witnessed an inter-class fencing and wrestling tournament in the Gymnasium. This was an entirely new event for the Hill, and aroused considerable interest. Considering the small amount of practice they had had, the contestants showed a great deal of skill. A large number of the undergraduates attended to see the exhibition and to cheer for their respective classes.

The class of 1923 carried off the honors of the evening, by winning two events out of three. Raitt, the freshman representative in fencing, defeated the men representing the other three classes. Catsonis, '23, wrestled the lightweight wrestling title from Sinclair, '21, after a hard contest, which had to be prolonged two minutes to decide a tie.

The heavy weight wrestling bout between Schwartz, '20, and Eckler, '22, was very close, and after an extension of the bout Schwartz was judged the winner.

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**All those interested in the new Hamilton Outing Club are requested to meet at the Sigma Phi Hall, Thursday night at 3:30.**

# CHARLATANS PLAY IN ROCHESTER

**Performance of "The Witching Hour" Given at the University—Rochester Herald Comments Favorably on Work of the Cast.**

## SCOTT, EX-'19, ASSISTS ABLY

The Charlatans presented "The Witching Hour" in the Catherine Strong Hall of the University of Rochester last Saturday evening under the direction of the Rochester alumni.

The Rochester Herald commented Sunday morning upon the performance as follows: "The amateurs were fortunate in selecting a play that is typical of careful playwriting and that lends itself surprisingly well to honest efforts at interpretation, even though those efforts be without the advantages of stage training. The college players succeeded in a great measure in impressing the message of the play, and, indeed, that seems to be a thing that even casts of greater training sometimes fall short in.

"Hamilton College has long enjoyed a reputation for thorough work in its department of oratory, and that reputation has excellent advertisement in the careful diction and enunciation that its representative actors displayed last evening. These college boys understand how to handle their voices and how to read lines, two basic requirements of good acting, that will stand the amateur thespians in good stead should any of them select the stage as a career.

"The cast was well selected for its parts, John Van Norden doing the character of Jack Brookfield with confident understanding, and W. Willard Thorp managing the difficulties of the female role of Mrs. Whipple with much grace. Each of the others carried forward his bit of the action with intelligence and honest effort. The audience was large and appreciative."

No account of this performance would be complete without a reference to the efficient work done by Eugene F. Scott, ex-'19, in directing the arrangements for the production at Rochester. Alumni and undergraduates unite in appreciation of Mr. Scott's untiring efforts in handling the details of preparation.

## HOOVER CLUB ORGANIZES

The Hoover Club met at Sigma Phi Hall last Friday night. Short talks were made by Dr. Chase, Dr. Wood, Dr. Bonham and Prof. Brown. Various other members engaged in the general discussion and offered suggestions. An executive committee was formed to direct the activities of the organization. This committee consists of President VanNorden, Vice-president Chase, Treasurer Thorp, Secretary Campbell and A. Thompson, '20.

The meetings of the Hoover Club are public, and it is wished that all who are able will attend regardless of what presidential candidate they may favor.